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Germano CARONNI et al.

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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
ENABLING SCALABLE
SECURITY IN A VIRTUAL
PRIVATE NETWORK

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Copies of the listed documents, including any copending patent applications, are attached.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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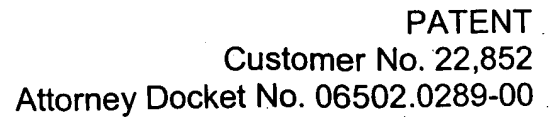
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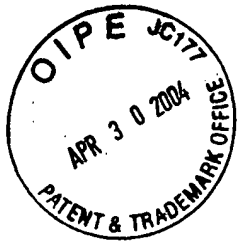
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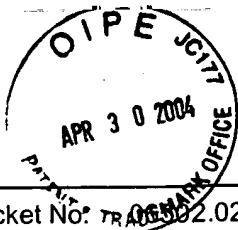
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